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The Honorable Charles W. Ballentine **Executive Director** South Carolina Public Service Commission 111 Doctors Circle Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re:

Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, Inc. v. Duke Power Company

Docket No. 97-153-E Order No. 97-419 Our File No.: 3548-001

Dear Mr. Ballentine:

In Order No. 97-419, the Commission directed Blue Ridge to file its Testimony and Exhibits in the above-referenced matter on or before July 17, 1997. After conferring with counsel for Duke Power Company, I would like to request that Blue Ridge be given until Monday, July 21, 1997 to submit its Testimony and Exhibits. In addition, I would request that Duke Power Company be given until Monday, August 4, 1997 to file its Testimony and Exhibits. Counsel for Duke Power Company has agreed to the above request for additional time to file Testimony and Exhibits.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Steven W. Hamm

Sincerely,

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